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**Sent:** 1/9/2020 8:32:23 PM  
**To:** Ramalho, Louis [Ramalho.Louis@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Easton Point

No problem! 😊

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**From:** Ramalho, Louis <Ramalho.Louis@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** Toffel, Melissa <Toffel.Melissa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Easton Point

Thanks, you are the best! My attention span has not been ideal lately. Lou

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**From:** Toffel, Melissa <Toffel.Melissa@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** Ramalho, Louis <Ramalho.Louis@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Easton Point

Lou – I caught a couple of edits in the SCAFO you sent to Charles:

#5 It should say “Maryland Department of the Environment”

#23 It should say “...from August 31, 2017 until October 23, 2017...”

#24 typo, it should say “...and from September 27, 2018 until...”

#25 It should say “...from September 21, 2017 until December 6, 2017, from January 6, 2018 until April 23, 2018, and from February 7, 2019 until April 1, 2019...”

#26 It should say “...until April 23, 2018...”

Thanks,

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**From:** Ramalho, Louis <[Ramalho.Louis@epa.gov](mailto:Ramalho.Louis@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 09, 2020 10:00 AM  
**To:** Schaller, Charles <[cschaller@bakerdonelson.com](mailto:cschaller@bakerdonelson.com)>  
**Cc:** Toffel, Melissa <[Toffel.Melissa@epa.gov](mailto:Toffel.Melissa@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Easton Point

Charles: As a follow-up to my previous e-mail, attached is the proposed settlement agreement with Easton Point. It does not include the installment payment plan but that can be added to the agreement if your client so wishes. As I stated in the past, EPA's offer is good until the end of this month. If a settlement is not reached, this document will be converted into an Administrative Complaint to commence formal enforcement proceedings against your client for the alleged violations described therein. Hope to hear from you in the near future.

Regards,  
Lou Ramalho  
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**From:** Ramalho, Louis  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** Schaller, Charles <[cschaller@bakerdonelson.com](mailto:cschaller@bakerdonelson.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Fails

Happy New Year Charles! I am checking in to see if there is a willingness to accept EPA's offer to settle this matter with your client.

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**From:** Schaller, Charles <[cschaller@bakerdonelson.com](mailto:cschaller@bakerdonelson.com)>  
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Lou:

Thank you.

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**From:** Ramalho, Louis <Ramalho.Louis@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** FW: Fails

Charles: Your client, Mr. Miller, submitted some additional information to EPA. Below, please find the conclusion of the review of such documents by Ms. Toffel. Lou

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 04, 2019 2:53 PM  
**To:** Ramalho, Louis <Ramalho.Louis@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Fails

Lou – I reviewed the tank release detection records that Mr. Miller provided on 12/2. Although it is helpful in that they show current compliance, the records provided do not affect our penalty numbers. For one, because our stop date for calculating penalty numbers was in early August and most records provided were for after that time, or were records I already had. And second, one record Mr. Miller provided allowed me to reduce the days of noncompliance on one tank, however, it did not lower the penalty because the days of noncompliance multiplier remained the same because the days still fell within the same bracket for calculating the DNC multiplier.

Mr. Miller provided some information today regarding the “Fail” tank release detection results in February of 2017, however, the information does not cause us to remove those counts or reduce those penalties as it does not sufficiently demonstrate that the “Fails” were investigated/reported.

If you want to meet to go over this, my calendar is up to date for the rest of this month. Thanks,

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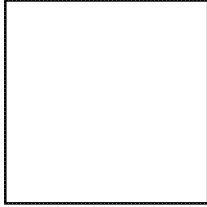
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**Subject:** Fails

Of the three fails we have had, all were during extremely slow times and during unusual weather events.

Leak detectors have issues when -

1. They have been inactive.
2. Weather is very cold.
3. Weather has fluctuated greatly

This is common knowledge in the industry, attached are the transactions surrounding the so called fails.

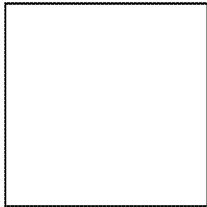
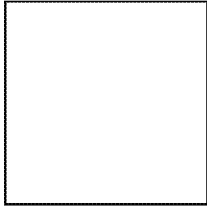


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